

Chairman Kleefisch and honorary committee members,

Unfortunately I am not able to attend and speak to you in person regarding **Senate Bill 38**, but I hope that you will give this letter your consideration. In 1996 while employed by another city government I personally lost 2 friends that were law enforcement. They were part of a Drug Task Force that while serving a warrant on an early morning raid were shot, one dying from the wounds he received. Their attention was drawn away from the suspect just long enough for him to pull a weapon from under the couch that he was sleeping on. This distraction was a 60lb plus charging dog that no one on the force knew the man owned. While employed in the field of animal control, I have personally come into contact with many, many felons that own dangerous dogs. While escorting probation officers on home visits, responding to complaint calls of neighbors afraid for their families or children or while assisting enforcement officers. This is why this bill is so important to the future of law enforcement. While technology enhances their CSI skills, and computers are able to do advanced tracking the business of finaling arrest the person stays the same. They still must come face to face with them, many times in their own homes. And technology fails in the face of a charging animal. Therefore if they are not allowed to own a gun, why are they still allowed to own an even more dangerous weapon. One that does not need the direction of any one else. So please, consider passing SB38 without any further delay or opposition. If this bill saves one life, whether it be law enforcement or an innocent, it is worth it's weight in unmeasurable value.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

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